

TIVERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the Year Ending

31st December, 1968

Tiverton Rural District Council

The attached chart (which was not included in the press copies) analyses the deaths from Cancer over the past 17 years.

G. NICHOLSON

Medical Officer of Health.



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TIVERTON RURAL DISTRICT

C A N C E R D E A T H

TOTALS FOR 17 YEARS FROM 1. 1. 52 to 31. 12. 68.

TIVERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

(a) Part-time Medical Officer of Health:

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R. W. HOLE, D.P.H.I.E.B., M.A.P.H.I.

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TO THE
TIVERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to lay before you my Annual Report on the health of the District for the year ending 31st December, 1968.

STATISTICS & SOCIAL CONDITIONS
OF THE AREA

Area: 114,127

Population: 20,870 (mid 1969 estimate)

Rateable Value: £576,654

Sum Represented by
a Penny Rate: £2,420

Social Conditions: The area being predominantly rural in nature, conditions are generally good.

Slaughtering Industries: The principal slaughterhouse in the district is :-
Lloyd Mauder Ltd.,
Tiverton Junction, Willand.

In addition there are two other small private slaughterhouses.
(See subsequent statement on slaughterhouses.)

Other Main Industries:

Wiggins, Teape & Co., Paper Manufacturers, Bradninch
Reed & Smith Ltd., Paper Manufacturers, Silverton
Reed & Smith Ltd., Paper Manufacturers, Cullompton
Culm Leather Dressing Company, Cullompton
Fox Bros., & Co., Ltd., Weavers, Cullompton
Fox Bros. & Co., Ltd., Weavers, Uffculme
Tremletts Ltd., Tannery, Cullompton
Unigate Creameries Ltd., Milk Factory, Hemyock
Exmoor Woodcraft Ltd., Exebridge (Morebath Parish)
Bramber Engineering Works, Willand
Strong Rawle & Strong, Fellmongers, Willand
Easton Wells, Joinery Works, Cullompton
E.C.C. Quarries, Westleigh and Hillhead, Uffculme
Redland Tiles Ltd., Burlescombe, Tile Manufacturers.

EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

LIVE BIRTHS ... Total 306 : Male 164 : Female 142
 Rate per 1,000 population 14.7 (uncorrected)
 16.61 (corrected)

Ratio of local adjusted birth-
 rate to national rate 0.98

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS 24

Rate per cent of total live births 7.84

STILLBIRTHS ... Total 2 : Male 1 : Female 1
 Rate per 1,000 total live and still births ... 6

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS ... 308

INFANT DEATHS (deaths under one year) 3

INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births 10

Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live
 births 10.61

Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate
 live births NIL

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (deaths under four weeks
 per 1,000 total live births) 9.8

EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (deaths under one week
 per 1,000 total live births) 3.26

PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE (stillbirths and deaths under one week
 combined per 1,000 total live and still births) 10

MATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion)

Number of deaths NIL

Rate per 1,000 total live and still births NIL

DEATHS ... Total 292 : Male 164 : Female 128

Crude death rate per 1,000 population 14.0

Corrected death rate per 1,000 population 11.43

Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate 0.96

Provisional death rates from cancer in England and Wales
 in 1968 were 2,583 a million population for males and 2,063
 for females, an increase on the previous year of 52 a million
 for men and 32 a million for women.

The male death rate from lung cancer rose from 999 a
 million population in 1967 to 1,011 and for females it rose
 from 189 a million to 197. Deaths from all forms of cancer
 in 1968 totalled 61,033 for males and 51,510 for females.

GASTRIC CANCER

The following chart shows the incidence of gastric cancer in the various parishes during the last 21 years :-

Popu- lation	Parish	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	Totals 1948- 1968
1517	Bampton					1					1	1	2	2					1					8	
217	Bickleigh					1									1									2	
1663	Bradninch	1		1	1		2			1	1			4	2	2	2		1	1	2			20	
725	Burlescombe	1						1			1								1		1	1		5	
79	Butterleigh				1										1									2	
134	Cadbury														1									1	
142	Cadeleigh																							-	
144	Clayhanger																							-	
428	Clayhidon					1								1										2	
427	C. Morchard	1									1													2	
3415	Cullompton	4	4	1	1	1	3	2	5	4	4	2	-	2	3	3	2	-	2	-	1	-	44		
692	Culmstock								1						1	1	1	1						5	
1268	Halberton					1				1		2	1	1	1						1			8	
1063	Hemyock								1					1	1							1		4	
192	Hockworthy																							-	
483	H. Rogus	1		1								1												3	
132	Huntsham												1											1	
692	Kentisbeare							1			1						1	1						5	
162	Loxbeare							1																1	
399	Morebath					2																		3	
316	Oakford																							-	
711	S. Peverell					1		2	2						1		1	1						8	
1248	Silverton					2		1	2	1	1	1				1	1	1	1	1				12	
278	Stoodleigh																							-	
128	Templeton												1											1	
674	Thorverton							1	1	2	1				1	1	1							8	
1663	Uffculme							1	1		1	1		1					2	1				8	
272	Uplowman																							-	
323	Washfield																							1	
963	Willand					1							1			1	1	1	1	1	1			7	
Totals		6	6	8	4	6	10	12	10	8	8	10	3	9	15	12	10	4	4	5	4	7	161		
Tiverton Borough		1	3	4	2	2	7	3	3	1	2	4	5	10	7	3	6	-	6	5	3	4	81		

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1968 giving age incidence :-

Age Periods	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Whooping Cough	Measles	Pneumonia (up to 1st October)	Para Typhoid	Dysentery	Acute Meningitis	Infective Jaundice (from 15th June)	Acute Poliomyelitis	Food Poisoning	Acute Encephalitis	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Fryssipelas	Puerperal Pyrexia (up to 1st October)
Under 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 year	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 years	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 years	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 9	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 14	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 & over	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Age Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	11	-	11	62	4	-	2	1	1	-	1	-	6	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS - New cases and mortality during 1968 :-

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30 - 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
55 & over	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
TOTALS	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-

SALMONELLA

Two or three outbreaks of Salmonella are reported to us each month. In only one instance was there infection of humans. Types were various - Salmonella Dublin, Cholera Suis and Typhimurium. Samples from human contacts were taken in each case.

BRUCELLA ABORTUS

One case of this disease occurring in animals was reported during the year. By an arrangement entered into with the Devon County Laboratory, positive samples of blood tests showing Brucella infection are reported to us: so far, no such case has occurred.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

1. Nursing in the Home - Home Help Service

Cases are dealt with by direct application from the District Nurses or Health Visitors to the County Office.

2. Laboratory Facilities

Clinical material is examined at the Public Health Laboratories, as previously, and also at the Pathological Department of the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital.

3. Hospital Services

Work is divided between the Tiverton Hospital Group and the Exeter Hospital Group. These have proved adequate during the year. The Tiverton District Hospital is at present undergoing alterations.

Since September, 1967, a Capital Scheme of the renewal of Engineering Services and general up-grading of Tiverton & District Hospital has been in progress. The effect of this scheme has been that the operating theatre was closed for five months and the number of beds within the hospital reduced from 50 to 16. During this period, Maternity was temporarily housed elsewhere within the hospital. Since November, 1968, the number of beds has been reduced from 50 to 25, including 11 Maternity, and from this time, surgery has been back to normal. The built-up Waiting List has been reduced to normal proportions by the acute beds (14) being allocated to surgery alone and all acute medical work being sent to Post Hill Hospital. Since March, 1969, the Out-Patients and Casualty Department has been out of commission and temporary facilities have been set up in the Nurses' Annexe. Along side the current work, the League of Friends of the Tiverton Hospitals are financing the addition of a Patients' Lounge on each the ground and first floors.

As far as Belmont and Post Hill Hospitals are concerned nothing significant has occurred throughout the year.

4. Maternity Services

48-Hour bookings are now accepted at Tiverton and District Hospital and this has proved very beneficial in making the best use of the available beds.

5. Accommodation for the Aged

The County Authority is in the process of extending hostel accommodation for the aged. This is urgently necessary.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

PRESENT POSITION AND FUTURE SCHEMES

The schemes are classified under the following categories in the tables overleaf :-

- (a) Effectively seweraged (i.e. all except outlying properties connected or connectable to a system of main drainage with no further extension contemplated);
- (b) Partly seweraged and with further extensions in prospect;
- (c) Partly seweraged and with no further extensions in prospect;
- (d) Not seweraged, but whole or partial sewerage intended;
- (e) Not seweraged and no sewerage contemplated.

In categories (b) and (d) the probable year of commencement of work is shown together with an approximate estimate of cost on today's prices, of works grant-aidable under Circular No.15/61.

In category (b) the number of properties at present served by main drainage is given and in both categories (b) and (d) the additional properties now existing to be connected or which will be connectable when proposals are carried out.

Parish	Total No. of properties in Parish	Category a, b, c, d, or e.	Category (b) only	No. of properties at present served by main drainage	Probable year of commencement of work
BAMPTON	632	(a)		-	-
BAMPTON (SHILLINGFORD HAMLET)		(a)		-	-
BICKLEIGH	90	(c)		-	-
BRADNINCH	653	(b)		422	1970/71
BURLESCOMBE	237	(a)		-	-
BUTTERLEIGH	32	(a)		-	-
CADBURY	55	(c)		-	-
CADELEIGH	54	(c)		-	-
CLAYHANGER	51	(e)		-	-
CLAYHIDON	140	(d)		-	1973/74
CRUWYS MORCHARD NOMANSLAND PENNYMOOR	165	(a) (a)		- -	- -
CULLOMPTON	1348	(b)		840	1967 Works commenced 1st July, 1967

Category (b) or (d)

No. of properties now existing to be connected or connectable as a result of proposed works	Estimated cost of grant-aidable work at 1968 prices	Remarks
-	-	The built-up area of the town is completely sewered.
-	-	The new scheme is now substantially complete and should be taken over by the Council early in 1969.
-	-	-
2	£100,000	A detailed scheme is now being prepared for the Ministry by our Consultants. Preparation work on this scheme is behind schedule.
-	-	It is necessary at times to take away sludge from this works in its liquid form, as the amount of space in the sludge drying beds is very limited and does not allow the sludge to dry out during periods of wet weather.
-	-	The scheme is now giving a satisfactory effluent. All small schemes of this nature are expensive to maintain.
-	-	Parish too scattered to warrant a sewerage scheme.
-	-	- ditto -
-	-	- ditto -
16	£12,000	A rather scattered parish with only one small built-up area, Rosemary Lane.
-	-	During the year the storm overflow at Pennymoor was modified and satisfactory samples have been reported on at both Nomansland and Pennymoor.
100 (approx)	£415,000 (Contract figure £378,105)	Work is proceeding with the laying of sewers and the installation of a new sewage works at Cullompton. It is hoped that the whole of the works will be completed by 1970.

Parish	Total No. of prop- erties in Parish	Category a,b,c,d, or e.	Category (b) only		Probable year of commence- ment of work
			No. of properties at present served by main drainage	-	
CULMSTOCK	270	(a)	-	-	-
HALBERTON	431	(a)	-	-	-
HALBERTON (ASH THOMAS HAMLET)		(b)	6		1973/74
HEMYOCK	427	(a)	-	-	-
HOCKWORTHY	65	(c)	-	-	-
HOLCOMBE ROGUS	179	(a)	-	-	-
HUNTSHAM	52	(d)	-		1968
Blackborough KENTISBEARE	239	(d) (b)	- 40		1970/71
LOXBEARE	50	(e)	-	-	-
MOREBATH	145	(c)	-	-	-
OAKFORD	131	(c)	-	-	-
SAMPFORD PEVERELL	238	(a)	-	-	-

Category (b) or (d)

No. of properties now existing to be connected or connectable as a result of proposed works	Estimated cost of grant-aidable work at 1968 prices	Remarks
26	£20,000	Modern scheme recently installed. There is a problem with the detritus chamber at the works and the matter has been referred to the Consulting Engineers for their attention. Until this matter is put right, there will be occasional unsatisfactory reports on the effluent.
16	£16,940	Modern scheme recently installed.
34	£42,500	Complaints have been received from the Parish Council regarding the state of the stream which runs through the hamlet.
70	-	The Hemyock Scheme was completed during the year and a small additional length of sewer laid to serve property owned by the Mill at Millhayes.
-	-	Parish too scattered to warrant a sewerage scheme.
-	-	During the year under review, samples taken from the sewage works at Holcombe Rogus have been satisfactory.
-	-	A start has been made on the Huntsham Sewage Works but progress is slow.
-	-	The Council is considering the possibility of bringing Blackborough into the Kentisbeare Sewage Works.
-	-	Parish too scattered to warrant a sewerage scheme.
-	-	The village, which is the main part of the parish, is seweraged.
-	-	Modern scheme recently installed.

Parish	Total No. of prop- erties in Parish	Category a,b,c,d, or e.	Category (b) only	No. of properties at present served	Probable year of commence- ment of work
SILVERTON	456	(a)	-	-	-
STOODLEIGH	100	(d)	-	It has been suggested that the commencement date be brought forward to 1969.	1971/72
TEMPLETON	41	(e)	-	-	-
THORVERTON	286	(b)	200	1969/70	
UFFCULME	628	(a)	-	-	-

Category (b) or (d)

No. of properties now existing to be connected or connectable as a result of proposed works	Estimated cost of grant-aidable work at 1968 prices	Remarks
-	-	The scheme for the improvement of Silverton sewers and sewage works was completed during the year. There is, however, some trouble at the sewage works with the screen and detritus chamber. The matter is in hand and the necessary modifications will be carried out during the year 1969.
42	£50,000	This scheme will be costly owing to the scattered nature of the village.
-	-	Parish too scattered to warrant a sewerage scheme.
-	£66,200	<p>This scheme was scheduled to commence during 1968. The County Council have, however, suggested several amendments :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The taking in of Latchmoor in the St. Thomas R.D.C., and possibly an area around the Ruffwell in our own District; 2) The taking in of five properties between the river and the sewage works in our own District; and 3) The extending of the effluent sewer direct to the River Exe. <p>All these matters are under active consideration and the final details will be submitted to the Ministry during 1969.</p>
-	-	Modern scheme recently installed. We are still awaiting details from our Consultants of a replacement trunk sewer from the Old Mill to the pumping station at Coldharbour. Until this new sewer is installed, development at the eastern end of the village will be held up.

Parish	Total No. of properties in Parish	Category a,b,c,d, or e.	Category (b) only	No. of properties at present served by main drainage	Probable year of commencement of work
UFFCULME Ashill		(d)	-		1967/8 Works commenced October 1967
UPLOWMAN	71	(c)	-		-
WASHFIELD	112	(a)	-		-
WILLAND	342	(a)	-		-

Category (b) or (d)		
No. of properties now existing to be connected or connectable as a result of proposed works	Estimated cost of grant-aidable work at 1968 prices	Remarks
38	<p>£43,000 (Contract figure £36,396)</p>	<p>This scheme is nearing completion and it is hoped that all the properties in the village will be connected to the new sewers, thereby abating several very long outstanding scattered nuisances in the village area.</p>
		<p>A number of complaints have been received with regard to the smell arising during the intermittent dosing of the filter bed, and it has been found necessary to have the pump adjusted and the works fenced in. This has, to a large extent, mitigated the smell nuisance but owing to the close proximity of the old plant to the Council Houses it may be necessary to completely enclose the sewage plant if complaints continue.</p>
		<p>The works, which were installed as part of the new scheme in 1958/59, are now loaded to capacity, owing to recent development of private estates in both the Old Village and the Tiverton Junction areas. Planning Approval for further private development is being held pending the extension of the existing sewage works and our Consulting Engineers are now busy preparing details for duplicating the works. It is hoped that the scheme for improvements at Willand will be started during the year 1969.</p>

MAINTENANCE OF SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS

During the year under review, we have taken over the schemes at Hemyock and Silverton. The only additional labour we have appointed during the year was a holiday relief man. Generally, the mobile gang engaged on sewerage maintenance is doing a good job, but, with the increasing number of small scattered sewage works, a large amount of the time is spent in travelling from one place to another.

An increasing number of samples has been taken by the Devon River Authority's Officers and, where unsatisfactory samples have been taken, liaison between the River Authority and our sewerage staff has usually resulted in a satisfactory sample on the next visit to the works by the River Authority's Officers, except in cases where the works are overloaded. I give herewith a list of the samples taken by the Devon River Authority's Officers during the year.

Sewage Works	Date of Sampling	Up to the Royal Commission Standard 20/30
BAMPTON	22nd February 15th July 5th November	Yes No No
BICKLEIGH	8th May 9th December	Yes Yes
BRADNINCH	22nd May 1st July	No No
BRADNINCH (Hele Square)	19th March 1st July	Yes Yes
BURLESCOMBE	5th March 23rd May 7th November	No No Yes
BUTTERLEIGH	11th January 25th April 28th October	Yes Yes Yes
CADELEIGH	28th August	No
CRUWYS MORCHARD (Nomansland)	5th September	Yes
(Pennymoor)	29th February 25th April	No Yes
CULLOMPTON	19th March 6th August	No No
(East Culm Council Houses)	5th March	Yes
CULMSTOCK	5th February 6th May	No Yes
HALBERTON	5th February 6th May	Borderline Borderline
(Ash Thomas)	5th March	No

Sewage Works	Date of Sampling	Up to the Royal Commission Standard 20/30
HEMYOCK	6th May 14th October	No Yes
HOLCOMBE ROGUS	5th March 23rd May 7th November	Yes Yes Yes
KENTISBEARE (Council House S.D. Works)	23rd May	Yes
MOREBATH	5th November	No
OAKFORD	7th October	No
SAMPFORD PEVERELL	5th March 23rd May 7th November	Yes Yes Yes
SILVERTON	19th February 11th March 30th April 10th June 18th September 30th December	No No No No Yes Yes
THORVERTON	25th April 16th October 14th November	No No No
UFFCULME	5th February 6th May	No No
UPLOWMAN	26th September	No
WASHFIELD (Courtney Cottages)	25th January 30th January 16th July 25th January 16th July	No No No No No
WILLAND	5th February 6th May	No No

WATER SUPPLIES

The water supply in this District is from the mains of the North Devon Water Board.

The water supply in the Rural District was adequate to meet the demand, although it was necessary to restrict the use of hosepipes for the watering of gardens and the washing of private vehicles from 15th June to 3rd October. The estimated peak demand now exceeds the estimated reliable yield, and the Planning Committee of the Tiverton Rural District Council have been requested to do everything they can to postpone the demand for supplies of water to new development in the eastern part of the District until such time as water can be made available from new works to be constructed at Tiverton.

The quality of the water has been satisfactory from both the bacteriological and chemical point of view and regular analyses were carried out to confirm this. The water from each source which supplies the area has no fluoride content.

The following table shows details of properties supplied from public water mains in the Tiverton Rural District at 31st December, 1968 :-

Parish	Properties supplied by mains water			Population supplied (estimated)
	No. of Domestic Properties	No. of Farms	No. of other meter supplies (ex cattle troughs)	
Bampton	399	14	36	449 1,347
Bickleigh	45	6	9	60 180
Bradninch	627	18	33	678 2,034
Burlescombe	188	34	19	241 723
Butterleigh	22	6	3	31 93
Cadbury	7	1	1	9 27
Cadeleigh	10	3	2	15 45
Clayhanger	17	5	1	23 69
Clayhidon	40	31	5	76 228
Cruwys Mochard	51	20	7	79 237
Cullompton	1,341	54	100	1,495 4,485
Culmstock	236	24	17	277 831
Halberton	328	51	20	399 1,197
Hemyock	227	14	21	261 783
Hockworthy	21	16	1	38 114
Holcombe Rogus	115	11	6	132 396
Kentisbeare	165	44	22	231 693
Loxbeare	12	2	-	14 42
Morebath	41	6	2	49 147
Oxford	47	7	3	57 171
Sampford Peverell	243	14	32	289 867
Silverton	507	11	14	532 1,596
Stoodleigh	35	5	6	46 138
Templeton	13	10	-	23 69
Thorverton	252	11	14	277 831
Uffculme	549	66	61	676 2,028
Upplowman	38	10	2	50 150
Washfield	33	5	-	38 114
Willand	417	12	32	461 1,383
 TOTALS	6,026	511	469	7,006 21,018

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATH

Regular samples have been taken at the public swimming bath at Waterloo Cross, Uffculme. Results generally were satisfactory. The pool is chlorinated by hand, the quantity being based on the organic load on the pool and checked by regular Tintometer readings.

There is a North Devon Water Board main now serving the area and the pool is now filled by pumping from the private well, which produces a better quality water than using the land springs alone.

LEARNER SWIMMING POOLS AT SCHOOLS

Routine samples of these pools are taken by the County Medical Department and occasional check samples are taken by ourselves from time to time. We give advice on chlorination and general swimming pool hygiene and these pools are well controlled by the Headmasters of the schools concerned.

WATER SAMPLING (PRIVATE SUPPLIES & WELLS)

Samples taken by the Public Health Department during 1968 :-

Parish	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Taken
Bampton	-	4	4
Bradninch	1	1	2
Cadbury	0	3	3
Cullompton	1	2	3
Halberton	1	1	2
Hemyock	7	12	19
Hockworthy	1	2	3
Holcombe Rogus	1	8	9
Kentisbeare	-	2	2
Morebath	3	3	6
Oakford	1	7	8
Sampford Peverell	2	0	2
Silverton	2	0	2
Templeton	1	1	2
Thorverton	2	-	2
Washfield	6	5	11
TOTALS	29	51	80

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

During the year, Mr. W. J. Roberts retired and, after a short period of training, Mr. W. P. Lake has been engaged as a Rodent Operator for the purpose of killing rats on Council properties, farms and business premises by contract and private premises where necessary. During the year 89 contracts were taken out: premises are treated four times a year and more often as necessary. In general arfarin bait is used. The Council's sewers and refuse tips are treated at least twice a year and regular checks are made on rodent infestations at these premises. Private dwellings are not covered by our contract service, but ratepayers may ask for the service of our Rodent Operator and we keep our charges as reasonable as possible.

KNACKERS' YARDS

None were licensed at the end of the year.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1958

26 Licences to slaughter animals were granted or renewed during the year.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT, 1958

At the 31st December, 1968, the following private slaughter-houses were licensed and in use in the District :-

Lloyd Maunder Ltd., Tiverton Junction, Willand
J. Veyscoy & Son, 30, Fore Street, Cullompton
N. M. Western, 24, Fore Street, Silverton.

MEAT INSPECTION

We now have four full-time Meat Inspectors based at Messrs. Lloyd Maunders' and two trainees. One of the trainees has passed his Authorised Meat Inspectors Examination and will receive his certificate when he reaches the age of twenty one. He is now studying for his Public Health Inspectors Examination.

It is now possible for holiday and sickness relief to be provided from the Public Health Inspectorate. Occasionally on Saturday mornings slaughtering has gone on until twelve noon and this has created a problem, as we are not notified until late Friday afternoons. The Senior Meat Inspector is always available to inspect carcases in the event of emergency slaughter.

Details of the carcases inspected are enumerated on the following two pages. It will be seen that a hundred per cent inspection is carried out.

Carcasses and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part :-

<u>LLOYD MAUNDER'S SLAUGHTERHOUSE TIVERTON JUNCTION</u>	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	5094	130	753	69198	125178
Number inspected	5094	130	753	69198	125178
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	1	3	48	98	391
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2226	95	11	5118	10014
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	43.72	75.38	7.82	7.54	8.31
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	5
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	1505
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1.21
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	23	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	23	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

TOTAL WEIGHT OF MEAT AND OFFAL CONDEMNED DURING THE YEAR :

Tons	Cwt.	Qrs.	Lbs.
95	3	2	24

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part :-

OTHER PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSES	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	254	-	-	915	224
Number inspected	254	-	-	915	224
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	78	-	-	50	24
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	30.71			5.46	10.71
Tuberculosis only:					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.45
Cysticercosis					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

TOTAL WEIGHT OF MEAT AND OFFAL CONDEMNED DURING THE YEAR :

Cwt.	Lbs.
6	16

POULTRY INSPECTION

Number of poultry processing premises within the District	1
Number of visits to these premises	482
Total number of birds processed during the year	3,526,212
Types of birds processed	Chickens Hens
Percentage of birds rejected as unfit for human consumption	Hens: 6.158% Chicken: 0.821%
Weight of poultry condemned as unfit for human consumption	Hens: 9,098 lbs. Chicken: 73,914 lbs.

There are two establishments in the Rural District, Messrs. Lloyd Mauder Ltd., and Messrs. H. J. Dunn & Sons, Uffculme. Messrs. Dunns have closed down their old premises and should be opening up again in 1969, when they will be concerned mainly with the breeding and killing of capons. Plans have been approved for a small poultry slaughterhouse and they have intimated that they are willing to meet our requirements. Arrangements will be made, as from the 1st January for regular visits to be made to this establishment as well, by one of our Meat Inspectors.

FOOD HYGIENE (MARKETS, STALLS AND DELIVERY VEHICLES) REGULATIONS, 1966

We are continuing to implement these Regulations as and where necessary. During the year inspections have been made of delivery vehicles operating in our District. When vehicles are operating from an adjoining district, details are sent to the local authority concerned.

In one case during the year, it was found that a wholesale delivery vehicle operating from Exeter was also engaged on a certain amount of retail trade in the Rural District and did not comply with the Regulations. We notified the Exeter City Authority of the infringement and, as a result, a special vehicle adapted for retail trade is now used for this round.

In our scattered Rural District, it is always difficult to locate and identify vehicles operating in our District from adjoining areas, but wherever possible details of the Regulations are brought to the notice of food vendors and tradesmen who operate vans both in our District and in the surrounding areas.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

It will be seen that there is no substantial change from the number of premises in our register at the end of last year. Regular visits are made to premises which are known to be below standard, especially during the busy summer season when particular attention is given to food premises on the holiday routes.

Type of premises	No. of premises (i)	No. fitted to comply with Reg. 16 (ii)	No. of premises to which Reg. 19 applies (iii)	No. of premises fitted to comply with Reg. 19 (iv)
Bakchouses	12	12	12	12
Butchers' Shops	23	21	23	22
Fried Fish Shops	5	5	5	5
Retail Food Shops	61	59	52	52
Catering Establishments	74	69	74	74

HOUSING ACTS 1957 - 1964

During the past twelve months 63 applications for Standard Grants have been received and 55 applications have been approved. 7 Applications for Discretionary Improvement Grants were received during this period and 5 were approved.

We have found that, although all applicants for Improvement Grants have been informed of the proposed increases in the amount of grant contained in the new housing act, very few are prepared to wait until the bill becomes law. We have therefore been able to improve on our figures for Standard Grants issued during the year and with the advent of new legislation it is hoped that this trend will continue.

Discretionary Improvement Grant application figures continue to be disappointing, but, here again, we hope that the increase of the maximum amount of grant from £400 to £1,000 will produce an increased number of applications for this grant.

With regard to housing generally, during the year 58 Closing Orders and 10 Demolition Orders were made in respect of unfit properties not capable of repair at reasonable expense and 2 Undertakings under Section 16 (4) of the Housing Act, 1957, were accepted. In addition, 8 unfit properties were demolished, 2 Preliminary Notices were served in respect of unfit houses capable of repair at reasonable expense and 7 houses were made fit either as the result of cancelled Undertakings or revoked Closing Orders.

The increased number of Closing Orders made during the year was due mainly to a survey of all empty properties carried out over the whole District.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES: There are none in this Rural District.

REFUSE COLLECTION

The demand on the refuse collection service has continued to grow during the year under review. More and more people living in isolated country cottages are asking for a refuse collection. These cottages have in the past been occupied by farmworkers, gamekeepers etc., but are now in the main occupied by people from the towns wishing to get away from the rush and turmoil of city life. Whereas previously the occupants used to get rid of their small amounts of refuse by burying, these people expect and demand city services in the heart of the countryside. In some cases it takes us three quarters of an hour to one hour to collect from one premises alone. In addition, collections have to be made from small estates which are mushrooming up in nearly all of our larger parishes.

Lay-bys on the major traffic routes are provided with litter containers consisting of sack holders provided with either paper or polythene sacks. These cope with the litter problem fairly well, with the exception of the very busy period during July, August and September, when our small vehicle spends a considerable amount of time emptying sacks and keeping the lay-bys clean. Unfortunately, some local people use these lay-by sacks for getting rid of their domestic refuse and this presents a problem, as very often the litter bins become full up within a few hours of being emptied leaving no room for refuse and litter from the travelling public.

BULKY REFUSE

During the year we continued to implement our bulky refuse collection and the second collection in September was much more successful than the first collection in January, owing to the fact that the public realised that this was an opportunity of them getting rid of their old articles such as old pianos, gas and electric cookers, refrigerators, wash boilers etc.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT, 1967

During the year this Department dealt with 15 vehicles which appeared to be abandoned on the roadside and in 9 of these cases the vehicles were removed by the Council either for disposal or to a compound awaiting a decision from the owner as to whether the vehicle was to be disposed of or not. We work in close liaison with the Devon and Cornwall Police on this matter.

GYPSIES

No progress has been made during the year with the provision of a site for gypsies. The Devon County Council have, however, decided to go ahead with the purchase of land at Kentisbeare, which we understand is to be used for the construction of a Gypsy Camp for the gypsies who habitually use the Dead Road Area.

CARAVAN MOVEABLE DWELLING AND CAMPING SITES AND CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

Total number of sites licensed at the end of 1968 ... 21

In addition there are sites for tourists' caravans at :-

Whiteheathfield Barton, Bradninch

Five Bridges, Halberton

Higher Grants Farm, Exebridge and

Bartletts, Woodgate, Culmstock

which are exempt from Local Authority controls, the Caravan Club of Great Britain having granted their form of licence to the sites.

FACTORIES ACTS

PREScribed PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION
OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors) :-

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspec- tions (3)	Number of Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	44	4	Nil	Nil
ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	104	12	5	Nil
iii) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)		Nil	Nil	Nil
Totals	148	16	5	Nil

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found :-

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found			No. of cases in which pro- secutions were instituted (6)	
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding (S.2)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	2	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	2	Nil	3	Nil
(c) Not separate for sexes	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Totals	5	2	Nil	4	Nil

Part VIII of the Act - OUTWORK (Sections 133 and 134)

The only outworkers employed in this area are those engaged on the making of wearing apparel as shown in the abstract of the prescribed schedule below :-

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-work- ers in August list req'd by Sec. 133(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in send- ing lists	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises	Notices served	Prose- cutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing Apparel etc.,	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cleaning and Washing	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Totals	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

I am indebted to the Officers of the Council for their help during the year.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant,

G. NICHOLSON

Medical Officer of Health.

